Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I)

or pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives thereof, wherein:

X is a C_{1-5} alkylene chain <u>having 0 heteroatoms</u>, wherein said X is optionally substituted by one or more =0, =S, -S(O)_t-, alkyl, or halogen; and wherein said C_{1-5} alkylene chain may optionally have 0-3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, or nitrogen;

Ring A is a saturated, partially saturated, or aromatic 3-7 monocyclic or an 8-10 8-membered bicyclic ring having one ring nitrogen and 0-4 additional heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, or nitrogen;

Ring B is a 4–7 <u>5-</u> membered saturated, partially saturated, or aromatic carbocyclic ring optionally containing one or two heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, er <u>and</u> nitrogen;

each Z may be is carbon; or nitrogen, provided that at least one Z is carbon; R^1 is selected from the group consisting of

(a) a saturated, partially saturated, or aromatic 4-7 monocyclic or 8-10 membered bicyclic ring having one ring nitrogen and 0-4 additional heteroatoms

selected from oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, or nitrogen, optionally attached through a C₁₋₆ alkylene chain, and optionally substituted by one or more R⁸;

(b)

——(c)

(d)

(f)

Q is carbon, oxygen, or S(O);

____w is 1 or 2;

each R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of -OR 0 , -C(O)-R 0 , -S(O) $_2$ -R 0 , -C(O)-N(R 0) $_2$, -S(O) $_2$ -N(R 0) $_2$, -(CH $_2$) $_a$ -N(R 0)(-V $_b$ -R $^+$), -(CH $_2$) $_a$ -(-V $_b$ -R $^+$), -(CH $_2$)

halogen, alkyl optionally substituted by one or more R⁷, alkenyl optionally substituted by one or more R⁷, alkynyl optionally substituted by one or more R⁷, aryl optionally substituted by one or more R⁶, heteroaryl optionally substituted by one or more R⁸, and heterocyclyl optionally substituted by one or more R⁸; and two adjacent R²s on Ring A are optionally taken together to form a fused, saturated, partially saturated or aromatic 5-6 membered ring having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, or nitrogen; or two geminal R²s are optionally taken together to form a spiro, saturated, partially saturated or aromatic 5-6 membered ring having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur, or nitrogen, said fused or spiro ring being optionally substituted by one or more R⁸;

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each a independently is 0-3;
each b independently is 0 or 1;
V is -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, or -C(O)-N(R°)-;
R<sup>+</sup> is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or heterocyclyl,
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R' is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or heterocyclyl, wherein said R⁺ is optionally substituted by one or more R⁸;

d is 1-3; m is 0 or 1; n is 0-5;

 R^3 is H, $-N(R^0)_2$, $-N(R^0)C(O)R^0$, -CN, halogen, CF_3 , alkyl optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from R^7 or -S-aryl optionally substituted by $-(CH_2)_{1-6}-N(R^0)SO_2(R^0)$, alkenyl optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from R^7 or -S-aryl optionally substituted by $-(CH_2)_{1-6}-N(R^0)SO_2(R^0)$, alkynyl optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from R^7 or -S-aryl optionally substituted by $-(CH_2)_{1-6}-N(R^0)SO_2(R^0)$, cycloalkyl or carbocyclyl optionally substituted by one or more R^8 , aryl optionally substituted by one or more R^8 , or heterocyclyl optionally substituted by one or more R^8 , or

 $\label{eq:continuous} Y \text{ is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, -}(CR^4R^5)_{p^-}, -C(O)-, -C(O)C(O)-, -C(S)-, \\ -O-(CH_2)_{0-4}-C(O)-, -(CH_2)_{0-4}-C(O)-O-, -N(R^0)-C(O)-, -C(O)-N(R^0)-, -N(R^0)-C(S)-, -S(O)_{t^-}, -O-C(=N-CN)-, -O-C(=N-R^0)-, -C(=N-CN)-O-, -C(=N-CN)-S-, -C(=N-R^0)-O-, -C(=N-CN)-S-, -C(=N-CN)-S-, -C(=N-R^0)-O-, -C(=N-CN)-S-, -C(=N-CN)-S-, -C(=N-CN)-S-, -C(=N-CN)-O-, -C(=N-CN)-S-, -C(=N-CN)-S-,$

 $-S-C(=N-CN)-, -N(R^0)-C(=N-CN)-, -C(=N-CN)-, -N(R^0)-C[=N-C(O)-R^0], \\ -N(R^0)-C[=N-S(O)_t-R^0], -N(R^0)-C(=N-OR^0)-, -N(R^0)-C(=N-R^0)-, or -C(=N-R^0)-; \\ each \ R^4 \ is \ independently \ H, \ alkyl \ optionally \ substituted \ by \ R^7, \ alkenyl \ optionally \ substituted \ by \ R^7;$

each R^5 is independently selected from H, -C(O)-OR⁶, -C(O)-N(R⁰)₂, -S(O)₂N(R⁰)₂, -S(O)₂R⁰, aryl optionally substituted by R⁶, or heteroaryl optionally substituted by R⁶;

p is 1-5;

t is 1 or 2;

each R^6 is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, - CF_3 , $-OCF_3$, $-OR^0$, $-(CH_2)_{1-6}$ - OR^0 , $-SR^0$, $-(CH_2)_{1-6}$ - SR^0 , $-SCF_3$, $-R^0$, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, $-NO_2$, -CN, $-(CH_2)_{1-6}$ -CN, $-N(R^0)_2$, $-(CH_2)_{1-6}$ - $N(R^0)_2$, $-NR^0C(0)R^0$, $-NR^0(CN)$, $-NR^0C(0)N(R^0)_2$, $-NR^0C(S)N(R^0)_2$, $-NR^0CO_2R^0$, $-NR^0NR^0C(0)R^0$, $-NR^0NR^0C(0)N(R^0)_2$, $-NR^0NR^0CO_2R^0$, $-C(0)C(0)R^0$, $-C(0)CH_2C(0)R^0$, $-(CH_2)_{0-6}CO_2R^0$, $-O-C(0)R^0$, $-C(0)R^0$, $-C(0)N(R^0)N(R^0)_2$, $-C(0)N(R^0)OH$, $-C(0)N(R^0)SO_2R^0$, $-OC(0)N(R^0)_2$, $-S(0)_tN^0$, $-S(0)_tN^0$, $-S(0)_tN(R^0)C(0)R^0$, $-S(0)_tN(R^0)C(0)R^0$, $-NR^0SO_2N(R^0)_2$, $-NR^0SO_2R^0$, $-C(=S)N(R^0)_2$, $-C(=NH)-N(R^0)_2$, $-(CH_2)_{1-6}-C(0)R^0$, $-C(=N-OR^0)-N(R^0)_2$, $-O-(CH_2)_{0-6}-SO_2N(R^0)_2$, $-(CH_2)_{1-6}NHC(0)R^0$, and $-SO_2N(R^0)_2$ wherein the two R^0 s on the same nitrogen are optionally taken together to form a 5-8 membered saturated, partially saturated, or aromatic ring having additional 0-4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, or sulfur;

each R^7 is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, - CF_3 , - R^0 , - OR^0 , - OCF_3 , - $(CH_2)_{1-6}$ - OR^0 , - SR^0 , - SCF_3 , - $(CH_2)_{1-6}$ - SR^0 , aryl optionally substituted by R^6 , methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, - NO_2 , -CN, - $(CH_2)_{1-6}$ -CN, - $N(R^0)_2$, - $(CH_2)_{1-6}$ - $N(R^0)_2$, - $NR^0C(O)R^0$, - $NR^0(CN)$, - $NR^0C(O)N(R^0)_2$, - $N(R^0)C(S)N(R^0)_2$, - $NR^0CO_2R^0$, - $NR^0NR^0C(O)R^0$, - $NR^0NR^0C(O)N(R^0)_2$, - $NR^0NR^0CO_2R^0$, - $C(O)C(O)R^0$, - $C(O)CH_2C(O)R^0$, - $(CH_2)_{0-6}$ - CO_2R^0 , - $C(O)R^0$, - $C(O)N(R^0)_2$, -C(O)N

$$\begin{split} NR^0SO_2N(R^0)_2, \ -NR^0SO_2R^0, \ -C(=S)N(R^0)_2, \ -C(=NH)-N(R^0)_2, \ -(CH_2)_{1-6}-C(O)R^0, \ -C(=N-OR^0)-N(R^0)_2, \ -O-(CH_2)_{0-6}-SO_2N(R^0)_2, \end{split}$$

- $(CH_2)_{1-6}$ -NHC $(O)R^0$, and - $SO_2N(R^0)_2$ wherein the two R^0 s on the same nitrogen are optionally taken together to form a 5-8 membered saturated, partially saturated, or aromatic ring having additional 0-4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, or sulfur;

each R^8 is independently selected from R^7 , =O, =S, =N(R^0), or =N(CN);

 R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl optionally substituted by one or more R^7 , alkenyl optionally substituted by one or more R^7 , alkynyl optionally substituted by one or more R^7 , cycloalkyl optionally substituted by one or more R^8 , heterocyclyl optionally substituted by one or more R^8 , heteroaryl optionally substituted by one or more R^6 , or aryl optionally substituted by one or more R^6 ; - $(Y)_m$ - R^3 and R^9 may combine with the nitrogen atom with which they are attached to form a saturated, partially saturated, or aromatic 5-7 membered monocyclic or 8-10 membered bicyclic ring that optionally contains 1 to 3 additional heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, or sulfur, wherein said ring may be optionally substituted with one or more R^8 ;

each R¹⁰ is R⁷ or two R¹⁰ optionally may be taken together to form a 3-7 member saturated, partially saturated, or aromatic carbocyclic ring, optionally containing one or more heteroatom selected from oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, or sulfur that is fused with the depicted ring;

g is 0 to 4;

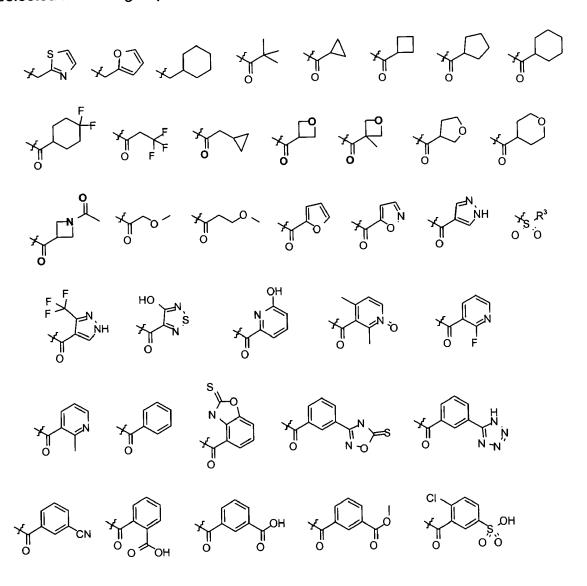
each R^0 is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, carbocyclylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclylalkyl, wherein each member of R^0 except H is optionally substituted by one or more R^* , OR^* , $N(R^*)_2$, =O, =S, halogen, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, $-C(O)R^*$, $-CO_2R^*$, -C(O)-aryl, -C(O)-heteroaryl, -C(O)-aralkyl, $-S(O)_t$ -aryl, $-S(O)_t$ -heteroaryl, $-NR^*SO_2R^*$, $-NR^*C(O)R^*$, $-NR^*C(O)N(R^*)_2$, $-N(R^*)C(S)N(R^*)_2$, $-NR^*CO_2R^*$, $-NR^*NR^*C(O)R^*$, $-NR^*NR^*C(O)N(R^*)_2$, $-C(O)N(R^*)_2$, and $-SO_2N(R^*)_2$

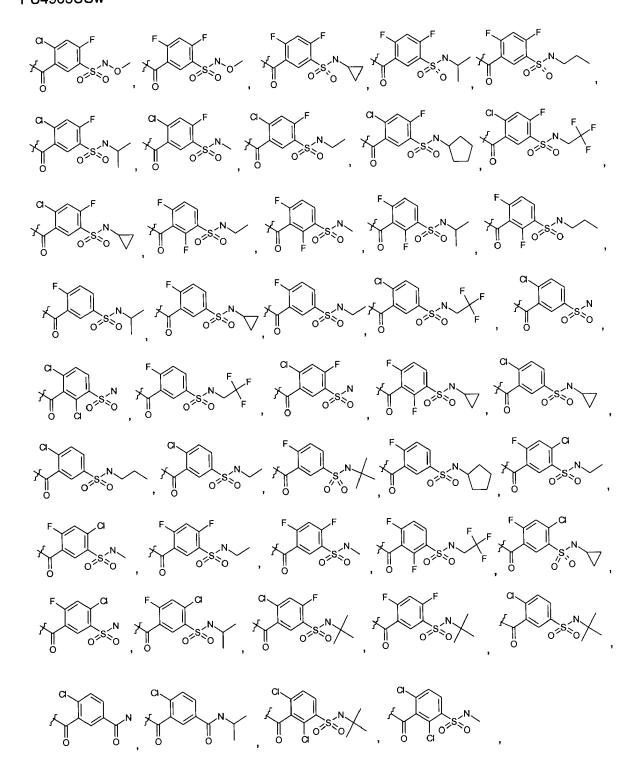
wherein the two R*s on the same nitrogen are optionally taken together to form a 5-8 membered saturated, partially saturated or aromatic ring having additional 0-4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen, or sulfur; and

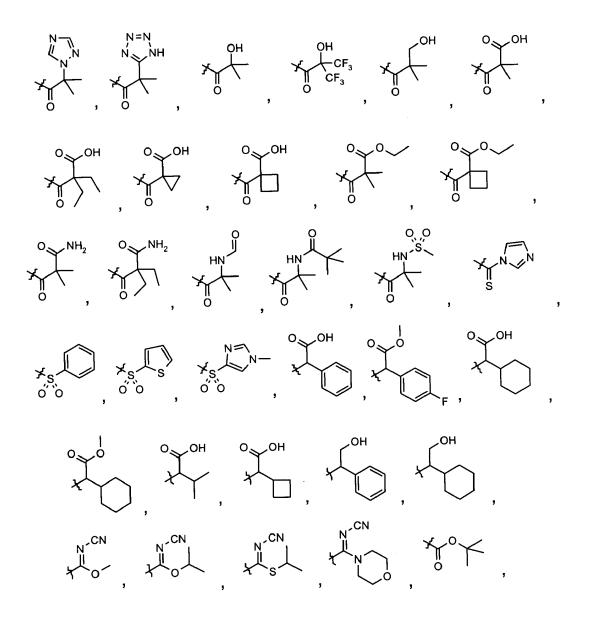
each R* is independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

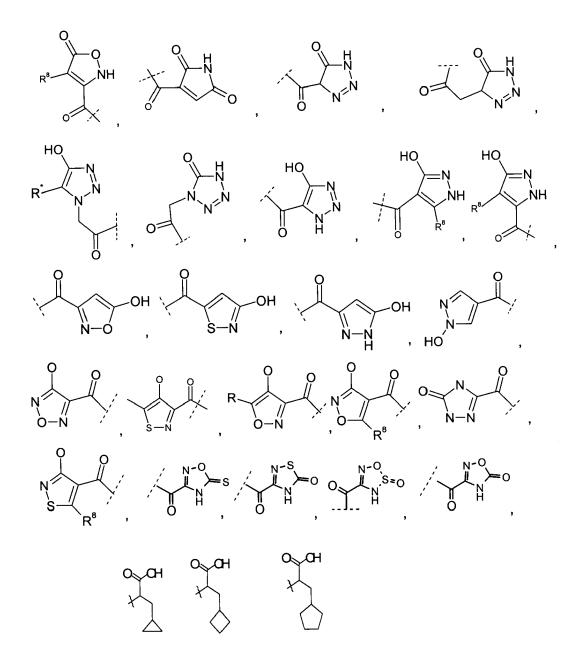
- 2. (Cancelled).
- 3. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 1 wherein R⁹ is alkyl.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 1 wherein R⁹ is methyl.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 $\underline{1}$ wherein $-(Y)_m$ - R^3 is selected from the group consisting of

6. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 1 wherein $-(Y)_m$ - R^3 is selected from the group consisting of







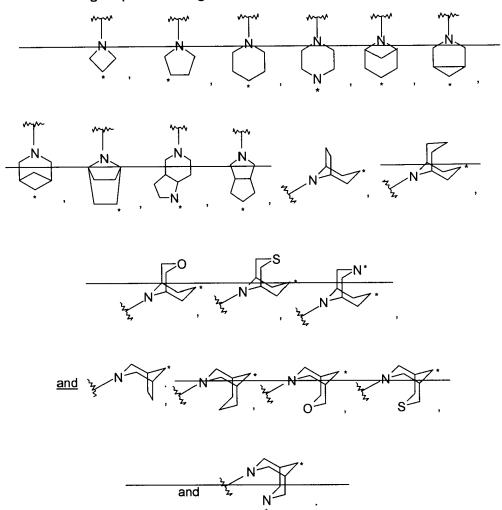


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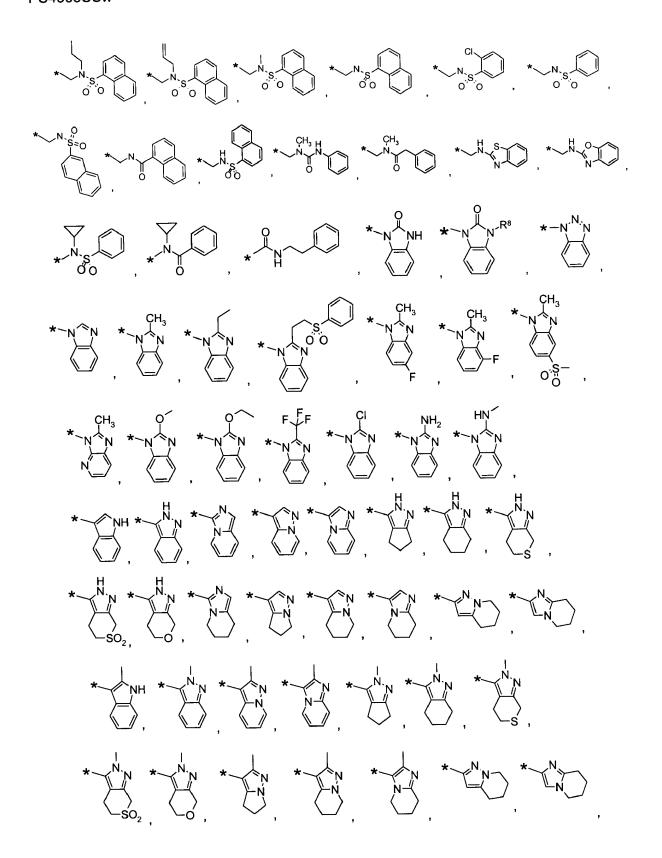
7. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein $-(Y)_m-R^3$ and $-R^9$ combine with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a moiety selected from the group consisting of

- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein X is $-(CH_2)$ -, $-(CH_2-CH_2)$ -, or $-(CH_2-CH_2-CH_2)$ -.
- 10. (Original) The compound of claim 9 wherein X is optionally substituted by one or more halogen or oxo.
- 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the A ring is selected, with the asterisk indicating a point of optional further substitution is selected from the group consisting of

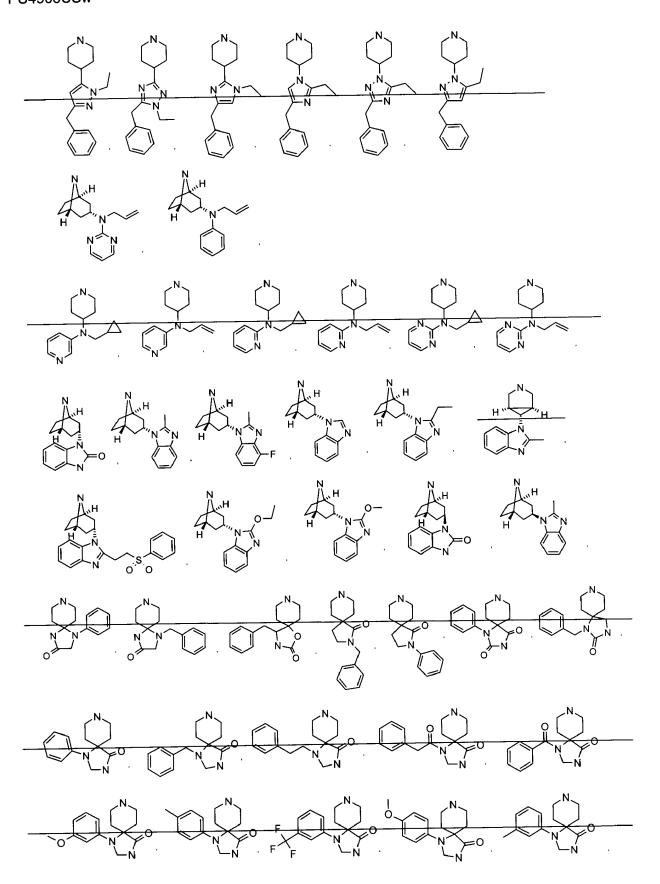


13. (Original) The compound of claim 12 wherein each R², with an asterisk indicating a point of substitution from Ring A, independently is selected from the group consisting of



- 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the A ring is tropane or piperidine, either optionally substituted with one or more R².
- 16. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 15 wherein the A ring is <u>an unsubstituted</u> tropane.

17. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 15 wherein the A ring in combination with R² is



$$\begin{array}{c|c}
N & N & N \\
N-N & N-N & N-N
\end{array}$$

- 18. (Original) The compound of claim 15 wherein the tropane is endo.
- 19. (Cancelled)
- 20. (Cancelled)
- 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A compound or salt thereof selected from the group consisting of

$$\begin{array}{c} H_3C \\ O \\ N \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} C \\ N \end{array}$$

- 24. (Original) The method according to claim 23 wherein the viral infection is an HIV infection.
- 25. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a bacterial infection in a mammal <u>human</u> comprising administering to said <u>mammal human</u> an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
- 26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the bacterium is Yersinia pestis.

27-33. (Cancelled)

- 34. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 35. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 34 in the form of a tablet or capsule.
- 36. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 34 in the form of a liquid.
- 37. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a viral infection in a mammal <u>human</u> comprising administering to said <u>mammal human</u> a composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and another therapeutic agent.
- 38. (Original) A method according to claim 37, wherein said composition comprises another therapeutic agent selected from the group consisting of (1-alpha, 2-beta, 3-alpha)-9-[2,3-bis(hydroxymethyl)cyclobutyl]guanine [(-)BHCG, SQ-34514, lobucavir], 9-[(2R,3R,4S)-3,4-bis(hydroxymethyl)-2-oxetanosyl]adenine (oxetanocin-G), acyclic nucleosides, acyclovir, valaciclovir, famciclovir, ganciclovir, penciclovir, acyclic nucleoside phosphonates, (S)-1-(3-hydroxy-2-phosphonyl-

methoxypropyl)cytosine (HPMPC), [[[2-(6-amino-9H-purin-9yl)ethoxy]methyl]phosphinylidene] bis(oxymethylene)-2,2-dimethylpropanoic acid (bis-POM PMEA, adefovir dipivoxil), [[(1R)-2-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)-1methylethoxy]methyl]phosphonic acid (tenofovir), (R)-[[2-(6-Amino-9H-purin-9-yl)-1-methylethoxy[methyl]phosphonic acid bis-(isopropoxycarbonyloxymethyl)ester (bis-POC-PMPA), ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors, 2-acetylpyridine 5-[(2chloroanilino)thiocarbonyl) thiocarbonohydrazone and hydroxyurea, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, 3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine (AZT, zidovudine), 2',3'-dideoxycytidine (ddC, zalcitabine), 2',3'-dideoxyadenosine, 2',3'dideoxyinosine (ddl, didanosine), 2',3'-didehydrothymidine (d4T, stavudine), (-)beta-D-2,6-diaminopurine dioxolane (DAPD), 3'-azido-2',3'-dideoxythymidine-5'-Hphosphophonate (phosphonovir), 2'-deoxy-5-iodo-uridine (idoxuridine), (-)-cis-1-(2hydroxymethyl)-1.3-oxathiolane 5-yl)-cytosine (lamivudine), cis-1-(2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-5-fluorocytosine (FTC), 3'-deoxy-3'fluorothymidine, 5-chloro-2',3'-dideoxy-3'-fluorouridine, (-)-cis-4-[2-amino-6-(cyclopropylamino)-9H-purin-9-yl]-2-cyclopentene-1-methanol (abacavir), 9-[4hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)but-1-yl]-guanine (H2G), ABT-606 (2HM-H2G) ribavirin, protease inhibitors, indinavir, ritonavir, nelfinavir, amprenavir, saquinavir. fosamprenavir. (R)-N-tert-butyl-3-[(2S,3S)-2-hydroxy-3-N-[(R)-2-N-(isoquinolin-5yloxyacetyl)amino-3-methylthiopropanoyl]amino-4-phenylbutanoyl]-5,5- dimethyl-1.3-thiazolidine-4-carboxamide (KNI-272), 4R-(4alpha,5alpha,6beta)]-1,3-bis[(3aminophenyl)methyl]hexahydro-5,6-dihydroxy-4,7-bis(phenylmethyl)-2H-1,3diazepin-2-one dimethanesulfonate (mozenavir), 3-[1-[3-[2-(5trifluoromethylpyridinyl)-sulfonylamino]phenyl]propyl]-4- hydroxy-6alpha-phenethyl-6beta-propyl-5,6-dihydro-2-pyranone (tipranavir), N'-[2(S)-Hydroxy-3(S)-[N-(methoxycarbonyl)-l-tert-leucylamino]-4- phenylbutyl-N-alpha-(methoxycarbonyl)-N'-[4-(2-pyridyl)benzyl]-L- tert-leucylhydrazide (BMS-232632), 3-(2(S)-Hydroxy-3(S)-(3-hydroxy-2-methylbenzamido)-4-phenylbutanoyl)-5,5-dimethyl-N-(2methylbenzyl)thiazolidine-4(R)-carboxamide (AG-1776), N-(2(R)-hydroxy-1(S)indanyl)-2(R)-phenyl-methyl-4(S)-hydroxy-5-(1-(1-(4-benzo[b]furanylmethyl)-2(S)-N'-(tert-butylcarboxamido)piperazinyl)pentanamide (MK-944A), interferons, αinterferon, renal excretion inhibitors, probenecid, nucleoside transport inhibitors, dipyridamole, pentoxifylline, N-acetylcysteine (NAC), Procysteine, α -trichosanthin, phosphonoformic acid, immunomodulators, interleukin II, thymosin, granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factors, erythropoetin, soluble CD₄ and genetically engineered derivatives thereof, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs), nevirapine (BI-RG-587), alpha-((2-acetyl-5-methylphenyl)amino)-2,6dichloro-benzeneacetamide (loviride), 1-[3-(isopropylamino)-2-pyridyl]-4-[5-(methanesulfonamido)-1H-indol-2-ylcarbonyl]piperazine monomethanesulfonate (delavirdine), (10R, 11S, 12S)-12-hydroxy-6, 6, 10, 11-tetramethyl-4-propyl-11,12dihydro-2H, 6H, 10H-benzo(1, 2-b:3, 4-b':5, 6-b")tripyran-2-one ((+) calanolide A), (4S)-6-Chloro-4-[1E)-cyclopropylethenyl)-3,4- dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2(1H)quinazolinone (DPC-083), (S)-6-chloro-4-(cyclopropylethynyl)-1,4-dihydro-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-3,1-benzoxazin-2-one (efavirenz, DMP 266), 1-(ethoxymethyl)-5-(1-methylethyl)-6-(phenylmethyl)-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedione (MKC-442), and 5-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)thio-4-isopropyl-1-(4-pyridyl)methyl-1Himidazol-2-ylmethyl carbamate (capravirine), glycoprotein 120 antagonists, PRO-2000, PRO-542, 1,4-bis[3-[(2, 4- dichlorophenyl)carbonylamino]-2-oxo-5,8disodiumsulfanyl]naphthalyl-2, 5-dimethoxyphenyl-1, 4-dihydrazone (FP-21399), cytokine antagonists, reticulose (Product-R), 1,1'-azobis-formamide (ADA), 1,11-(1,4-phenylenebis(methylene))bis-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane octahydrochloride (AMD-3100), integrase inhibitors, and fusion inhibitors.

39. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a viral infection in a mammal human comprising administering to said mammal human a composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and ritonavir.